



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Ilocos Norte

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Governor

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 60-20

Series of 2020

#### AN ORDER PLACING ILOCOS NORTE UNDER COMMUNITY QUARANTINE

**WHEREAS**, it is the policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Code of 1991 states that provinces shall exercise powers necessary, appropriate or incidental for its efficient and effective governance, and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare, health and safety including the provisions of services to control communicable diseases;

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization recently declared the 2019 Corona Virus Infectious Disease (COVID-19) as an international pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 922 declaring the Philippines under the State of Public Health Emergency by reason of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the above mentioned proclamation capacitates Local Government Units (LGUs) to immediately act to prevent loss of life, utilize appropriate resources to implement urgent and critical measures to contain or prevent the spread of COVID-19, mitigate its effect on the community, and prevent serious disruption to the government and community;

**WHEREAS**, the Inter Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases through Resolution No. 11, series of 2020, dated March 12, 2020, has effectively raised the Code Alert System for COVID-19 to Code Red

Sublevel 2 which prompted the President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to place Metro Manila under a community quarantine due to COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, as of today, Ilocos Norte remains to be COVID-19 free;

**WHEREAS**, after due consultation with the Local Chief Executives, national agencies, and medical experts, there is a need to implement measures in order to insulate Ilocos Norte from COVID-19.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, **MATTHEW J. MARCOS MANOTOC**, Governor of the Province of Ilocos Norte, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**Section 1. DECLARATION OF COMMUNITY QUARANTINE.** The Province of Ilocos Norte is hereby placed under a General Community Quarantine. LGUs shall abide by the directives of the Department of Health (DOH) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) in the imposition of a general community quarantine in their respective territorial jurisdictions. The Executive Secretary of the Office of the President defined a general community quarantine as:

(the) movement of people shall be limited to accessing basic necessities and work; and uniform personnel and quarantine officers shall be present at border points;

**Section 2. FULL ACTIVATION OF THE TASK FORCE SALUN-AT.** The previously institutionalized Task Force Salun-at under Executive Order (EO) 51-20 is hereby fully activated. Each member is hereby ordered to dutifully perform their functions under the Order and all concerned shall fully comply to its provisions.

**Section 3. EXERCISE OF GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE.** In addition to the guidelines set forth under EO 51-20 and subject to qualifications, the Task Force Salun-At will exercise authority over the Province and impose the following:

1. Deny entry for all individuals entering Ilocos Norte with symptoms of COVID-19, unless they are residents of the province;
2. Restrict the non-essential entry of people especially persons who are at high risk of being infected i.e., children, those above sixty (60) years old, those who are immunocompromised or with co-morbidities and pregnant women except: (1) health worker, (2) authorized government official, (3) those travelling for medical or humanitarian reasons, (4) persons transiting

to airport for travel abroad, (5) persons providing basic services and public utilities, and (6) essential skeletal workforce.

3. All persons attempting entry to Ilocos Norte must be checked for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and undergo the following:
  - (A) clearance to enter issued by competent health authorities;
  - (B) endorsement to their home or resident LGUs;
  - (C) a 14-day home quarantine; and
  - (D) monitoring by the Barangay Health Emergency Response Teams (BHERTs).
4. Returning residents with COVID-19 symptoms will be deemed as Person/s Under Investigation (PUI) and must submit themselves for interview, assessment and fill up a Health Information Form. All individuals travelling with the person manifesting symptoms shall be considered as Person/s Under Monitoring (PUM). All of the aforementioned PUI and PUM must then observe the 14 day quarantine period.

**Section 4. REGULATION OF BORDERS AND PORTS.** Pursuant to EO No. 52-20, all kinds of cruises are denied entry to Ilocos Norte until ordered otherwise. All non-essential commercial shipments will also be banned. The Bureau of Quarantine shall police the entry of all people entering Ilocos Norte from the airport and seaport who will be subjected to the same aforementioned procedure. The Bureau of Immigration and the Philippine Coast Guard are hereby directed to further secure ports in Ilocos Norte.

Operators and dispatchers of bus or other public utility vehicles are required to check the temperatures of all their passengers prior to purchase or boarding. For this purpose, the operators are required to purchase thermal gun scanners or any other devices that accurately show one's temperature;

**Section 5. THE HEALTH INFORMATION FORM.** The Provincial Health Office (PHO) shall prepare and print Health Information Forms requiring full names, residences, mobile numbers and other information for all entrants to Ilocos Norte, who must present valid governmental identification. The mechanics on the proper use, distribution, implementation, safekeep and retrieval of the forms shall be under the sole care of the PHO.

**Section 6. HEALTH PRACTICES.** During the Community Quarantine, the following health practices are hereby ordered for all persons in Ilocos Norte:

#### **A. Personal Preventive Measures**

1. All individuals who traveled to Ilocos Norte from areas with confirmed COVID-19 cases, including Metro Manila, shall hereby observe a 14-day mandatory quarantine period. This policy does not apply to drivers and staff of public conveyances and those whose job require a continuous change in location.
2. Everyone is strongly encouraged to remain home, minimize contact with others, and maintain a distance of 1 meter or roughly 3.3 feet from one another;
3. Travel to, from, and within Ilocos Norte is highly discouraged;
4. Private gatherings are discouraged;
5. Everyone must practice and advocate cough etiquette by covering the mouth and nose with disposable tissue paper when coughing and dispose of the tissue paper immediately afterwards. In the absence of tissue paper, one must cover the mouth and nose with the elbow pit;
6. All must carry out proper hand washing with soap and water. If not available, use disinfectants such as rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer. Avoid touching any part of the face.
7. The following people should wear face masks:
  - a. PUM (those who have possibly been exposed to COVID-19 carriers but without symptoms)
  - b. PUI (those who show COVID-19 symptoms)
  - c. Individuals who are sick
  - d. Those in direct contact of PUM, PUI, or persons with COVID-19
8. Those using masks are directed to avoid touching the face or mask and only do so after sanitizing one's hands.
9. As per the DOH, persons who believe they are PUM are advised to self-quarantine at home. PUI shall consult their respective City/Municipal Health Officer before taking further action.

#### **B. Public Preventive Measures**

1. Pursuant to EO No. 59-20, classes in all levels of both public and private schools in the province shall remain indefinitely suspended;

2. All public gatherings are hereby ordered postponed or cancelled, including but not limited to masses, forms of worship, fiestas, general assemblies, seminars, public hearings, rallies, fests and similar events;
3. Government offices, businesses, organizations, and all non-essential entities are instructed to stop operations or advise their personnel to remain home and work from home. Salaries and other employee benefits shall not be decreased when working from home.
4. Employers effecting cessation of operations are requested to financially assist their employees by extending support in the form of donations, zero-rated loans, or advanced compensation.
5. Financial institutions, utilities, loan institutions and similar establishments are likewise requested to exercise leniency in imposing surcharges and penalties on due or overdue bills.
6. Entities that are exempt from closure or the work-from-home policy are frontline entities that are absolutely necessary for the needs of the community, such as but not limited to certain government offices, groceries, restaurants, eateries, convenience stores, pharmacies, hospitals, and medical facilities.
7. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is banned in public. All consumption must transpire in private residences.
8. All establishments must have disinfectants readily available for public use.

**Section 7. IDENTIFICATION OF QUARANTINE AREAS.** Public and private hospitals shall identify, prepare, and equip quarantine areas within their respective premises. The Provincial Government shall endeavor to establish as many quarantine facilities as possible.

**Section 8. PROHIBITION ON HOARDING, RESELLING, AND PRICE SPIKES.** Hoarding and reselling for a gain is strictly not countenanced. The Department of Trade and Industry is hereby ordered to track down hoarders and resellers to be prosecuted in accordance with law. Known online resellers, who are not hoarders in strict legal sense, are not covered by this Section.

All formal and informal sellers must abide by the DTI price freeze following Proclamation No. 922 declaring a State of Public Health Emergency as well as legal prices ranges for products as prescribed by DTI.

**Section 9. PROHIBITION ON THE SPREAD OF FAKE NEWS.** Sharing of unconfirmed reports is strictly prohibited. Only valid and verified information shall be published and shared.

**Section 10. PENALTIES.** All persons found violating the provisions of this Order shall be subjected to administrative sanctions, without prejudice to prosecution of criminal action(s), if probable cause exists;

**Section 11. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Any or all Executive Orders previously issued inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 12. EFFECTIVITY.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Done this \_\_\_\_\_ day of MAR 14 2020, 2020.

**SO ORDERED.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be a stylized 'J' or a similar character, positioned below the 'SO ORDERED.' text.